Suggestion of Planning Commission Regarding Review of MOUs in Power Sector

879. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to State:

(a) whether Planning Commission has suggested the review of the Memoranda of Understanding between private companies and States to set up power plants;

(b) If so, the details of the guidelines issued by the Planning Commission to the State Governments in this regard; and

(c) the reaction of the State Governments thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI URMILA BEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Open Issue of Loan Krishna River Valley Development Plan

880. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to State:

(a) whether request has been received from the State Government of Maharashtra for open issue of loan in regard to Krishna River Valley Development Plan;

(b) whether the State Government has requested for "tax free" loan;

(c) if so, the response of the Central Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (DR. DEBIPROSAD PAL): (a) and (b) No such request has been received from the Government of Maharashtra.

(c) Does not arise.

Wholesale Price Index

881. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to State:

(a) whether it is a fact that 447 commodities constitute the basket to calculate the wholesale price index in the country;

(b) if so, the number of commodities whose prices have gone up or declined during the quarter July—Spetember of the year;

(c) whether it is also a fact that prices of daily use articles e.g. vegetables, pulses, meat etc. are constantly on increase; and

(d) if so, any steps being taken to maintain the price rise of these commodities in order to give relief to common man?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (DR. DEBIPROSAD PAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The number of commodities whose wholesale price during the quarter July—September, 1995-96 declined, rose or remained unchanged is listed below:

Whole sale price Changes	Number of Commodities
Decline	78
Unchanged	196
Below 5% rise	101
5% to 7% rise	22
7% to 10% rise	16
Above 10% rise	34
Total Commodities	447